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NOAA'S Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary seeks advisory council applicants

NOAA's Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for three seats on its advisory council. The council ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

"The advisory council is an important connection with sanctuary communities," said Dan Howard, sanctuary superintendent. "Council members provide thoughtful input on current sanctuary issues and activities and share sanctuary information with the different groups they represent."

The sanctuary is accepting applications for primary members and alternates representing the following seats: community-at-large – Sonoma County, conservation and maritime activities.

Candidates will be selected based on their expertise and experience related to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and knowledge of the protection and management of marine resources. Applicants who are selected serve on a volunteer basis for one three-year term. Terms of appointment may be changed to provide for staggered term expiration dates.

The advisory council consists of 14 primary and alternate non-government members representing a variety of public interest groups. It also includes governmental seats representing the U.S. Coast Guard and NOAA Fisheries.

Applications are due September 30. To receive an application kit, or for further information, please contact Lilli Ferguson, advisory council coordinator, by email at Lilli.Ferguson@noaa.gov; by phone at 415-464-5265; or by mail at Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, P.O. Box 159, Olema, CA 94950. Application kits can also be downloaded from the sanctuary's website at http://cordellbank.noaa.gov.

Located 42 miles north of San Francisco, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is one of 14 marine protected areas managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Designated by Congress in 1989, the sanctuary's productive waters are a destination feeding area for local and migratory marine life. Its unique undersea topography provides the foundation for a rich and diverse marine community.

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